

# The National Bank Debate

**Directions:** Take a look at all of the slips of paper and organize them into a Hamilton pile and a Jefferson pile. Each slip is a quote from opinions that they wrote explaining to President Washington their position on the formation of a national bank. Based on what each person wrote, take notes in the corresponding box to figure out why each man took the position he did. Although the language may be difficult, try to figure out what the main point of the quote is and write that in the box using your own words. Then answer the question on the bottom of the worksheet.

Hamilton	Jefferson

## Question

Why did Hamilton want a national bank and why did he believe it was legal to create one, and why did Jefferson believe the creation of a bank violated the Constitution?